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SUBJECT: FAMFIRING/REL SY MATTERS

A. MARSCTYGD HANDBOOK

1. DUR AT LEAST PAST TWO SEMIANN INSP (12FEB75 AND 15NOV75)
FAMFIRING WAS DISC AT LENGTH.

A. DUR FEB75 INSP, I SUGGESTED THAT SINCE FIRING HAD
NEVER BEEN COND, THAT A PROG THEREFOR SHOULD BE PURSUED. I
SUGGESTED FURTHER THAT IF POL SIT W/IN HOST COUNTRY OR LACK OF
FAC PRECLUDED SUCH, THE POSS OF LN W/A NEIGHBORING MISSION
TO SEND MARINES THERE FOR FAMFIRING. RESPONSE FR PSO WAS
ENCOURAGING. NO CONCRETE ACT WAS, HOWEVER, TAKEN.

B. DUR NOV75 INSP, I AGAIN DISC THE SUBJ OF FAMFIRING
W/APPROP MISSION OFFICIALS. AGAIN PSO INDIC THAT PLANS
WERE BEING DISC RE THE PROG BEING COORD W/AMEMBASSY LBV
(LATER, THE POSS OF LOS WAS DISC). AGAIN THE PROSPECTS
LOOKED PROMISING, YET AGAIN NO ACTION MATERIALIZED.

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2. IN RECENT MEMO FR NCOIC, HE INDIC THAT HE APPROACHED PSO AGAIN ABOUT FAMFIRING BUT WAS INFORMED THAT AVAIL MONEY WOULD GO FOR ANOTHER PROJECT, AND AFTER IT'S COMPL THE MISSION WOULD TRY TO SEND MARINES OUT OF COUNTRY TO FAMFIRE.

3. PAR 807.1 OF REF A STATES "FAMFIRING WILL BE COND SEMIANN W/ALL AUTH WEAPONS". THE REQR, THEREFORE, IS CLEARLY ESTAB IN THIS JOINT STATE-USMC PUB.

4. SINCE JUL74 WHEN I ASSUMED MY PRESENT DU AND PERS COMMENCED SEMIANN INSPS, FIVE OF 18 DETS OR 28 PERCENT WERE COND FAMFIRING. OVER THE ENSUING MONTHS, OTHERS ESTAB PROG TO MEET THIS JOINT STATE-USMC REQR, AND NOW 15 OF 18 DETS OR 83 PERCENT ARE DOING SO ON SEMIANN BASIS. BECAUSE OF POL SITS, FOUR OF THESE DETS ARE BEING SENT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (ONE GD AT A TIME ON ROTATIONAL BASIS) TO COMPL FIRING. OF THE REMAINING THREE DETS, TWO ARE TO COMMENCE SHORTLY. YAO REMAINS W/O A FAMFIRING PROG.

5. WOULD APPREC UR FURN ME W/CURRENT INFO CONC PRESENT PLANS FOR PROG AND ANY ASST THAT COULD BE PROVIDED IN ESTAB THIS REQR, NEC, AND VITAL ELEMENT OF TRNG TO CONT PREPAREDNESS OF GDS.

6. FOR PSO/NCOIC: NEW SUBJ: AS DISC AND AGREED TO DUR PAST WOT INSP, PLS HAVE A MISSION OFFICIAL ACCOMP THE NCOIC EA MO ON ROUTINE INSP OF THE MARINE HOUSE.

7. CO CO "F" SENDS.
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